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Referring to previous correspondence (Bureau file No. 54261/276) with reference the proposed ostablishment of a patrol having as its particular object at this time the guarding of the Mexican Border with the view of making effective the Passport Laws and regulations, and, in connection with which a plan has already been outlined in detail showing what was and is required in the way of men, equipment, etc, to enforce said laws, and as it is now stated that the proposed Border Patrol, on the scale outlined, cannot be provided, at this time, on account of insufficient funds, I am instructed to submit a further report looking to a reduction of the original plan and to show the least possible number of men, (Mounted Watchmen) whoce services might be utilized at the most important points to guard the border, where such men should be stationed and what might be done to control, at least to some extent, illegal entries of aliens and other persons at the lesser important points.

By reference to my report of June 7th, last, in which the matter was presented in detail, it will be observed that the original plan contemplated utilizing the services of 1632 guards, exclusive of Inspectors, clerks and cooks and while it is not believed that any lesser number can, at this particular time, considering the unusual conditions confronting the service as a result of the war, satisfactorily guard the Border, it follows as a matter of course that any addition to the force can be utilized to splendid

advantage and necessarily the efforts already being put forth to make the laws effective will be materially strengthened. In line with discussions had with you on the subject it is desired to say that if the number of Mounted Watchmen were stationed at the placesx indicated below ,a much more effective enforcement of all Federal laws and regulations could and would be accomplished:

Brownsville District.

Station.	Number of Watchmen.	
Salada's Ranch	3	
Brownsville	8	
San Pedro	3	
La Paloma	3	
Santa Maria	3	
Progrsso	3	
Hidalgo	6	
Penitas	3	
Sam Fordyce	3	
Rio Grande City	5	
Roma	3	
Zapata	3	46

Laredo District.

San Ygnacio	3	
Laredo	8	
Lyendecker	3	
Darwin	3	17

Eagle Pass District.

Indio Ranch	3	
Eagle Pass	8	
Quemada	3	14

Del Rio District.

Pinto Crossing	3	
Del Rio	8	
Devil's River	2	
Langtry	2	
Sanderson	2	17

Marfa District.

Marfa	3	
Boquillas	3	
LaJitas	3	
Polvo	3	
Presidio	3	
Rudosio	3	
Candalaria	3	21

El Paso District.

Sierra Blanca	3	
Fort Hancock	3	
Fabens	3	
San Elizaria	3	
Ysleta	3	
El Paso	24	
Pelea, N. M.	3	
Mastadon "	3	
Columbus "	4	
Hermanus "	3	52

Douglas District.

Hachita "	3	
Culberson's Ranch, N.M.	3	
Lang's Ranch "	3	
San Bernardo, Arizona	3	
Douglas "	6	18

Naco District.

Osborn, Arizona	3	
Naco, "	4	
Hereford, "	3	
Parker's Canyon, "	3	13

Nogales District.

Duquesne, Arizona	3	
Nogales, "	8	
Aravaca, "	3	14

Tucson District.

La Osa, Arizona	3	
Quitovaquito "	3	
Ajo, "	3	9

Southern California to be one district subdivided as follows:

Calexico District.

Yuma, Arizona	3	
Andrade, Calif.	3	
Bond's Corner	3	
Calexico	7	
Mt Signal (Coyte Wells)	3	19

Campo District.

Jacumba	3	
Boulevard	3	
Campo	3	
Tecarte	3	
Dulzura	3	15

Tai Juana District

Otay	3	
Tia Juana	6	9

Grand Total----------264

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71
193

The seventy-one (71) Mounted Watchmen now employed, or provided for, are included in the above number, therefore, the reduced plan contemplates the employment of only 193 additional watchmen. It should be borne in mind, however, that additional Inspectors, to direct the Mounted Watchmen, as well as additional clerks will be required but it may be that the 61 Inspectors and 40 clerks recently provided for duty in connection with the enforcement of the new passport regulations will be sufficient to meet the needs in this respect as it is probable that the vast amount of additional work made immediately necessary in connection with the enforcement of such regulations will decrease when the border residents, particularly, have been supplied with the necessary papers and it may and probably will be that by the time any appreciable number of mounted men can be secured that a number of the Inspectors and clerks can be relieved from the class of work upon which they are now

engaged.

In order that the matter may be considered from a financial point of view the following figures are submitted to show the amount already obligated and chargeable to the special fund and the approximate cost of maintaining the larger organization:

Salaries of 61 Inspectors at present employed, or provided for, at rate of $1500. per annum----------	91500.00
Salaries of 40 clerks at present employed, or provided for, at the rate of $1200 per annum----------	48000.00
Salaries of 71 Mounted Watchmen at present employed, or provided for, at the rate of $1560. per annum, in this amount is included $240 allowance to cover the maintenance of a mount----------	110760.00
Miscellaneous expenses, such as increased rentals, travel, maintenance, equipment, etc.----------	49740.00
Total----------	300000.00

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Salaries of 193 additional Mounted Watchmen at the rate of $1560. per annum, including $240 for horse allowance----------	301080.00
Miscellaneous expenses such as rentals, travel, equipment and possibly a few additional Inspectors or clerks, etc,----------	98920.00
Total----------	400000.00
Grand Total----------	$700000.00

The above figures are, of course, calculated upon an annual basis and it may be safely estimated the expense of maintaining the present force for the present Fiscal Year will not exceed $200000.00 and that the expense incident to maintaining 193 additional Mounted Watchmen for the balance of the current fiscal year will be approximately $300000.00.

In working out the details incident to securing the maximum results with the additional mounted men, should they be provided, it is not contemplated that all of them should be mounted as automobiles and motor cycles should be

used in many places instead of mounts and by utilizing such means of conveyance, where practicable, it will be possible for the men, if stationed at the points indicated, to patrol between stations and visit the more remote points with more or less frequency. It will be observed that an allowance of $240.00 for maintaining a mount is included in the rate of pay of the Mounted Watchmen but if the money is not used for such purpose that amount will be available for use in connection with purchase the and maintenance of automobiles and motrcycles.

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